SAWDUST IN MILLIONAIRE'S BODY ENDEAVORERS WELL -AUTOPSY REVEALS MYSTERY.

Vital Organs of Colonel William J. Best Were Carefully Removed, but Doctors Discover Evidences of Strong Irritant Poison-Neglect to Remove the Brain Discloses That Death Was Not Due to Cerebral Apoplexy, as Stated in the Certificate-Case Has Many Peculiarities.

RELATIVES AND CALIFORNIA OF FICIALS DESIRE INVESTIGATION.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, July 9.—Far more surprising April while in the house of Doctor John than all the sensational developments which Dowall Woods. have come since the mysterious death of been exhumed in the little cemetery in

When the autopsy was made, in accordance with the desire of the California authorities and the relatives, it was ascertained that the body had been opened once before, in all likelihood before it was sent East, and that the stomach, the digestive and other organs, together with the lungs, had been removed. Sawdust had been inserted where they had been, and, while some of the other organs were in place, there was every evidence that they had

PECULIAR METHOD OF EMBALMING.

Then, when it came to a search for evidence of the insertion of a hypodermic needle before death, the physicians were unable to discover any puncture of the skin, even such as is made usually in the process balmed there was no doubt. How it was done was a question which puzzled the physicians until they made a careful internal examination. They found then that the embalming fluid had been injected from the inside through a large veln, which, it was seen, had first been broken and then tied. This satisfied the physicians that the embalmer must have known that the body

was not in its entirety when he was at work. No one had heard that any autopsy had been performed in California; indeed, the request of the authorities of that State that one should be held here proved conclusively this had not been known before. All the physicians agreed that every precaution had been taken to prevent any light being thrown on the cause of the Colonel's death, and that no one could say whether it was the result of irritant poisons

OVERLOOKED VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.

But if this was the result of design the person responsible overlooked one important matter. He failed to do what he should have done had he desired to have the cause of death, as set down in the certificate and sent here from the West, go uncontradicted. In this it was stated that Colonel Best had succumbed to cerebral would disclose it, and the skull had not

That this declaration in the certificate is absolutely unfounded and that cerebral apoplexy was not the cause of death was determined by the physicians. They found that the brain was in a healthy condition -so healthy, in fact, that there was not the slightest indication of apoplexy. EVIDENCES OF

POWERFUL POISON.

were found in the body. Doctor Herbert B, Baltiwin, chemist of the Newark Board of Health, made a preliminary chemical test of the 1 per cent of intestinal which was found adhering to the body of Colonel Best was a well-known man in the South and in the South for years, He amassed a fortune by building ralironals in the South and was said at one time to be worth \$1,000,000. At that time he lived at Caldwell, N. J., in a fine house and at variable, and Doctor Hugh K. Walker, Loss Angeles, for the West; the Reverend Ernest W. Shurtliff, Minneapolls, for the North; the Reverend F. J. Horsefield for England, the Reverend Willis R. Hotchkiss for Africa and C. Ogawa for Japan The session closed Evidences of a powerful irritant poison gery, were found in the body. Doctor Herbert B. Cole

Doctor Baldwin said also that in his opinion the discovery of the poison was sufficient grounds on which to base a criminal prosecution.

Alfred M. Best, another son of the deaman, last night telegraphed the result of the autopsy to Prosecuting Attorney Thos. P. Boyd of San Rafael, Marine County.

DEATH OF G. W. HALL, FORMER

Which Gave Vest His First

Nomination for Senator.

The funeral of Judge George W. Hall.

formerly a well-known Democratic politi-

cian, who died of paralysis at the Alexian

Brothers' Hospital last Wednesday morn-

ing, will take place this afternoon from the

At 4 p. m. the cortege will leave for the

Church of the Good Shepherd, Salina and

Pentalogal streets, where the Reverend B.

member of the St. Louis bar and was well

times a member of the State Legislature

and was a stanch adherer to the principles

of Democracy and was chairman of the

cancus that gave George G. Vest his first

ALTAR PRESENTED TO SOCIETY.

Placed in Chapel of New Catholic Or-

der on Delmar Avenue.

Celebration Will Take Place Next

a friend in New York.

The Society of the Helpers of the Holy

F. Newton will conduct the service.

. Cal., at which place Colonel Best died last

Colonel Best was in Denver on a mining Colonel William J. Best in San Rafel, Cal., enterprise March 2, when he met Doctor on April 6 last, was the discovery made John D. Woods, who invited the promoter yesterday afternoon, after the body had to visit him at his home in San Rafael. Cal., where he lived, he said, with his States and Canada, with a few from abroad Caldwell, N. J., where it was placed in the widowed sister. The widowed sister is now said to have been his wife. COLONEL BEST

VISITED DOCTOR WOODS.

Colonel Best accepted the invitation and reached San Rafael on March 25. On the night of March 31 he became suddenly ill. Dector Woods injected a hypodermic solution of brandy and morphine and then called in Doctor W. F. Jones in consultation. The latter told Doctor Woods that he had done the very worst thing for his patient; that the morphine, instead of stimulating the heart, would tend to weaken its action. He was thereupon ordered by Woods to leave the case.

Two days later Mrs. Best was informed of her husband's filness. On April 6 Doctor Jones was called in again, and on that day Colonel Best died. Doctor Jones made out a death certificate, which stated that the

On April 7 telegrams were sent to Albert M Best of Grandview-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., and his brother, William M. Best of Seattle, Wash., informing them of their father's death. William, who was asked to arrange for the shipping of the body East, wired back he could not do it himself, but asked Doctor Woods to attend to it for him SON OF DEAD MAN INVESTIGATED CASE.

Three weeks later Charles Best, after an unsatisfactory exchange of letters with Woods, decided to find the physician and learn the particulars of his father's death. Woods had said he was going to Phillipsburg. N. J. Churles went there in vain, but at last caught Woods in Atlantic City and had him arrested on the charge of trover. The city magistrate said he had no jurisdiction, as the defendant was a resident of California, Woods was, therefore, discharged and disappeared,

Warrants were issued yesterday in San Rafael, Cal., for the arrest of John D. Woods and Alice C. Woods on a charge of grand larceny.

The Best brothers say that among other things, 5,000 shares of stock in the Gordon Tigh Mining Company, valued at \$2,500, two checks for \$50 each and an express order for anoplexy. Were this the fact the brain \$300, which were in their father's possession at the time of his death, are missing. They also say that exorbitant bills have been re ceived from Woods, including one for \$450 for the undertaker and \$20 for a trained nurse. A trained nurse, they affirm, their

> The signature to the receipt Annie El Shope, is, they say, like Woods's handwriting. To cap the climax came a note from Woods for \$1,000. The signature, the sons assert, they feel confident, is a for-

> Bankers' and Merchants' Telegraph Com pany, a large trust company and an important savings bank. Colonel Best met Jay Gould while engaged with his railroad enterprises and until Mr. Gould's death the two were friends. Colonel Best lost his money and went

West to make another fortune in mines as

eenth and Victor streets, next Thursday Righ mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a, m. WELL-KNOWN POLITICIAN. and a sermon preached. Benediction will follow. The convent chapel will be seen to the public from 2 p. m. on Wednesday un-til sunset for the benefit of those who wish to gain the indulgence attached to visiting the chapel.

A jubilee festival for the benefit of St. Ann's Church and school in Normandy, Mo., will be held at Ramona Park, on the St. Louis and Suburban road, Saturday, August 8.

The euchre and lawn party given by the members of All Saints' Parish on last Wednesday evening was well attended, and was a success financially as well as socialwas a success financially as well as socialily. The beautifut church lawn at Maple and
irma avenues was illuminated by numerous
electric lights, making it almost as bright
as day. Tarpaulins were stretched on a
partion of the lawn for dancing, which followed the euchre. Between the numbers
several songs were sung. Excellent music
was furnished. The Reverend John S. Long
and his assistant, the Reverend J. T.
Shields, were busy during the evening
among the guests, trying to make every
one feel at home. home of his son-in-law, Judge John A. Harrison, No. 200 South Twelfth street. Judge Hall years ago was a prominent known throughout Missouri. He was three

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER AT ATLANTA.

Five Thousand Delegates in the City From All Parts of the United States and Canada.

cancus that gave George G. Vest his first namination to the United States Senate. Judge Hall was a native of Vermont, and came West at an early age. Eight years ago like wife died. His only surviving child is Mrs. John A. Harrison, Twenty years ago Judge Hall went to Colorado to engage in the mining business. Since that time he devoted but little of his time to politics. Two years ago he returned from the far West and retired from business, making his home with his daughter. He was 77 years old. Atlanta, Ga., July 9.-With an attendance estimated at 5,000 delegates representing almost every section of the United States and Canada, the thirteenth annual convention of the International Baptist Young People's Union was called to order in this city to-day for a four day's session by President John H. Chapman of Chicago.

Souls in Purgatory, which recently estab-The opening session of the convention lished a convent at No. 2887 Delmar avewas preceeded by a praise service which nue, has received a handsome altar from was led by a grand chorus of 600 voices. The delegates of the convention were wel-The altar has been placed in the little comed by Governor J. M. Terrell in behalf chapel which has been fitted up on the ground floor, and services are held there daily, by the Reverend Father Firle of St. of the State, Mayor E. P. Howell, in behalf of Atlanta, and former Governor W. J.
Northen, in behalf of Georgia B. Y. P. U.
Emory W. Hunt, president of the Dennison University, Granville, O., responded
to the address of welcome in behalf of the
Board of Managers of the International

ground floor, and services are held there canly, by the Reverend Father Firle of St. Alphonsus Church.

The first mass was said in the convent last April, and the first benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which was a service fraught with great interest to the members of the order, took place last Sunday.

The society is rapidly becoming fully organized here, and the seven sisters who established it hope in a short time to begin their regular work.

The main object of the order is to offer prayer for souls in purgatory. Members also visit the sick poor daily, and nurse them in their own homes. In their convents they organize classes and clubs for poor children. Young women engaged during the week in business houses may find protection and assistance at the convent.

The order was founded by the Reverend Mother Marie de la Providence. The society now has several homes in France, Belgium, England and Italy. Because of religious disturbance in France, the Heipers who founded the Delmar avenue convent left that country. More are expected soon, and it is hoped to build up the local institution until it compares with that of New York, the only other one of the order in this country. The morning session of the convention was devoted principally to the appointment of the various committees and general routine work and organization of the body. At the afternoon session Spencer B. Meeser, D. D., pastor of the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., spoke on "The Call to Service." An address on the "Motives for Service" was delivered by the Reverend W. T. Stackhouse, superintendent of the Baptist missions, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Manitoba.

State, provincial and territorial meetings
were held by the different organizations in

The Verdict of the People.

The American people are broad-gauge and liberal-minded. They are ready to her country. More are expected soon, and it is hoped to build up the local institution until it compares with that of New York, the only other one of the order in this country.

FEAST OF MOUNT CARMEL.

Celebration Will Take Place Next
Thursday.

The feast of Mount Carmel will be celebrated at the Carmelite Convent, Eight-

RECEIVED IN DENVER.

Ten Thousand Delegates Attend the Opening Session of International Convention.

OLD OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

Impromptu Song Service in Dome of State Capitol Held by Visitors From New York and Illinois Societies.

Denver, July 9 .- Thousands of Christian Endeavorers from all parts of the United arrived here during the day, and many more are on the way.

The weather was perfect, and more than 10,000 persons attended the opening mass meeting of the twenty-first International Christian Endeavor Convention this afternoon in the big tent erected near City Park for the occasion.

A rousing song service led by the Rever end F. H. Jacobs of New York preceded the opening of the convention, which was opened at 2 o'clock by President Francis H Clark, father of the Christian Endeavor movement. After devotional exercises, led by the Reverend Doctor B. B. Tyler of Denver, a welcoming song was sung by a chorus of 600 voices, conducted by Profes er W. J. Whiteman, Welcoming addresses followed, Governo

James El Peabody speaking for the State the Reverend Doctor Robert T. Coyle for the churches, and Chairman William E. Sweet for the committee of 1963 MAKE RESPONSES.

Among those who responded to the ad-dresses of welcome was the Reverend James Alexander, president of the New Hampshire State Christian Endeaver Union, who spoke for the Eastern delegates. He said in part: The one thing that has been impressing itself upon every candid observer of reignous life in America during the past six months is the vitality, the inacrent force, and possibility for expansion of our Christian Endeaver movement. The man who has been thinking that the sun of Endeavorism is setting has been obliged to think again. So far as Endeavorism is concerned—

The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;

We are not among the shadews, but in the
light that grows toward moon. We are not preparing direct some stoward moon. We are not preparing direct some some striumph. We are not
retracting our steps, not turning our faces back
toward Espyt, but moving toward new lands of
promise, and like John Wesley, we can say.
The best of all is that God is with us.

The truth is that we are almost in the plight
of our modern physicists, who are dealing with
forces of which they know little, but are startling themselves and us in the practical appliance
of these to the wheels of industry. We are hardly
alive to the possibilities of the movement with
which we are identified. We are bandly
availing ourselves of a traction of its power. We
are working among its streams and eddies, and
allowing the foil sweep of its tide practically
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allowing the full sweep of its tide practically to pass immsed.

What is Endeavorism? It is Christianity asserting the vitality of its truth and life in the hearts and lives of our young people. It is the fresh, bouyant, optimistic, strong life of our generation geared into the spirit and power of Christ, and working with him to save the world. It is the practical recognition of the spiritual affinities between Jesus Christ and the most plastic and potent thing in the world, a youthful personality; the acceptance of manhood and womanhood in Christ, and its expenditure in the broad avenues of human activity.

The Reverend Doctor W. F. Wilson of Hamilton, Omario, responded on behalf of Canada, saying, in part:

Hamilton, Ontario, responded on behalf of Canada, saying in part.

We Canadians feel perfectly safe and at home here, and why not? We are children of the same glorious ancestry; heirs of the same pricelers liberties, and speak the language in which John Bunyan penned his matchless story; and the sweet spirited Whittier soared in immortal song. Hence, with the heartiest good-will, the Dominion greets the Republic.

Christian Endeaver has done much by its international fellowship to foster this neighbority spirit. You, as Americans, sing "Sweet Land of Liberty," while we respond, "Britons never sail be slaves." Thus we are deligated to see the Union Jack and Stars and Strues twiced in peace.

and C. Ogawa for Japan. The session closed with a preparation service led by the Reverend Doctor J. T. Carson of Brooklyn.

Illinois and New Yerk Christian Endeavor delegates held a song service in the Capitol dome to-day. About sixty men and women Endeavorers took part in the concert, which was arranged on the spur of the moment, while they were viewing the scenery from the dome's height.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

At the business meeting this afternoon all the old officers were re-elected, as follows: President, the Reverend Francis E. Clark, President, the Reverend Francis E. Clark, D. D.; treasurer, William Shaw, clerk, George B. Graff; auditor, Fred H. Ki'der. Denominational trustees for four years were elected as follows: The Reverend Doctor W. H. Brooks, Washington, D. C.; the Reverend W. H. Brook, Shaffensburg, Pa.; the Reverend Doctor J. E. Wilbur Chapman, New York City; the Reverend A. C. Crews, Toronto, Canada; the Reverend Doctor N. B. Grubb, Philadelphia; the Reverend Sam McNaughton, Boston; the Reverend George E. McManiman, West Lafayette, Ind.; Professor Elbert Russell, Richmond, Ind.; the Reverend Hugh R. Walker, Los Angeles, Cal.; Professor H. L. Willert, Chicago, and the Reverend C. F. Yoder, Ashland, O. The presidents of State, Territorial and

Ashland, O.

The presidents of State, Territorial and provincial unions were elected trustees for

provincial unions were elected trusted to one year.
George Platt Knox of St. Louis and Miss Mary L. Aldrich of Minneapolis were made life members of the association.
Treasurer William Shaw's annual report showed receipts for the year ended June 1 to have been \$9.533; cash on hand June 1, \$85. The publishing department's expenditures the past year were \$2.519; cash on hand June 1, \$2.042. Its total assets are \$44,169; lighting \$7.413. INCREASE CAMPAIGN.

A definite Increase Campaign to double the number and efficiency of Christian Endeavor societies in a single decade was the theme of Doctor Clark's annual address. He based his address on the fundamental idea that Christianity is a religion of ex-

idea that Christianity is a religion of expansive forces, that "you can no more confine religion of Christ to its old limits than you can grow, an oak in a flower-pot," and that "to cease to grow is to begin to die."

The marked growth of the society during the past year in this country, and its larger expansion than ever before throughout all the world, made such an increase seem not only possible, but well-nigh certain within the next decade.

Along two great lines he urged this increase; first, an enlargement of the membership of the local societies. He deprecated the idea, which some had obtained, that a society of Christian Endeavor is simply a little coterie of like-minded young people who could edity one another in the prayer meeting. The fundamental idea of the society is service, and service for every one. Doctor Clark proposed that every State strive to gain at least ten per cent annually for the next ten years, thus entering into a ten years' extension campaign.

DROWNED IN A QUARRY POND. Two Sisters Get Beyond Their Depth Near Rolla, Mo.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

son, aged 9 and 12 years, daughters of John H. Henson, living five mlles north of Rolla, were drowned yesterday while bathing in an abandoned shaft, from which fire clay had been taken. The depth of the water in the deepest place is fifteen feet.

They slipped away from their mother a They supped away from their mother at 12:39 o'clock, and, although she had forbidden them going near this shaft, they went in and got beyond their depth. About 4 o'clock the girls were missed and a search was begun. At night their clothes were discovered on the bank of the shaft.

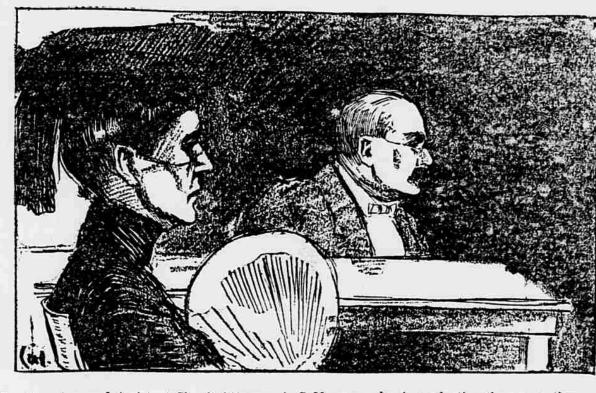
The pool was dragged and one was found last night and the other this morning.

First Wheat Marketed at Columbia.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Columbia, Mo., July 9.—W. L. Lyman, who lives two and a half miles south of town, marketed the first load of new wheat this morning. The load consisted of twenty-six bushels, and was bought by the Columbia Milling and Elevator Company. The wheat was of excellent quality, and when

MRS. CUMMINGS TURNS HER HEAD WHEN HUSBAND'S BLOODY CLOTHING IS DISPLAYED DURING TRIAL. KEEP GOOL.



Mrs. Cummings and Assistant Circuit Attorney, A. C. Maroney, who is conducting the prosecution.

Walter Graham, Night Morgue Superintendent Identifies Garments as Those Worn by Cummings-State's Witness Overcome.

DEFENDANT AND COUNSEL

These statements of the defendant Circuit Attorney Maroney alluded when he and her counsel were made after the asked Travilla the technical question above • adjournment of court at 5 o'clock. • mentioned.

M - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - M Dennis Cummings's bloody clothing introduced at the trial of his wife, Mrs. Minnie Cummings, who is charged with killing him, sent a shudder through the defendant and caused the collapse of Mrs. Eleanora Duff, one of the State's principal witnesses, yesterday afternoon.

The bloody garments were carried into the courtroom at 2 o'clock by Walter Graham, night morgue superintendent. They were tied in a large package. After Graham had stated his name and occupa tion he was asked by Assistant Circuit Attorney Andrew C. Maroney if he was on

duty at the morgue when the body of Cummings arrived. "I wag." replied the witness. "Did you take charge of the body?"

"Yes. "Was it dressed?"

"It was."

Mr. Maroney arose from his chair and ! stepped to a table where the package had been placed. Slowly he untied the knot. Mrs. Cum-

mings watched him closely Her face became even paler. She wielded the palm leaf | Martin, fan more vigorously. The bundle untied, the Assistant Circuit

Attorney, pointing tragically to the stained garments, asked: "Are those the clothes worn by Cummines when his body was received at the morgue?"

Graham turned over the coat, vest, trousers, shirt and overcoat carefully and replied: "They are."

MRS. CUMMINGS SHIELDED EYES WITH PALM LEAF. Mrs. Cummings raised her now downcast

eyes from the floor and glanced at the table. where lay her husband's garments, covered with his life's plood. The fan stopped. Mrs. Cummings turned

her head and covered her eyes with the paim leaf. Her hand trembled so much that it could be seen from all parts of the courtroom. Tears dropped from her eyes and fet to her waist. She removed her everlasses and used her handkerchief. Her effort to control her feelings was masterful. In a minute she was seemingly the well-composed woman of which so much has been told and written, but close observation showed that her emotion still was great. Graham was questioned about the wounds

on Cummings's body, and then left the stand. The bloody garments were allowed to remain on the table. Colonel Martin remarked in an undertone about the attempt to affect the defendant, and the trial proceeded. Several witnesses on immaterial points

were examined, and then Mrs. Eleanora Duff, a small, comely woman, at whose home, No. 2814 Locust street, Cummings met his death, was brought in. Mrs. Duff appeared much frightened.

With difficulty she mounted the witness stand, and her face wore a deadly pallor. "What is your name?" asked Assistant Circuit Attorney Maroney.

The witness trembled. She had not yet seen the bloody garments. She looked toward Mr. Maroney and then toward Mrs. Cummings. The garments were just beneath her gaze. She lowered her eyes, and for the first time saw Cummings's clothing.

WITNESS OVERCOME BY BLOODY GARMENTS.

She recognized the garments instantly. She shuddered. Tears came to her eyes. and she was unable to tell her name for several minutes. As she told the story of the shooting of Cummings she glanced several times apprehensively at the clothing. Assistant Circuit Attorney Maroney saw the cause of Mrs. Duff's excitement and had the clothing removed. Mrs. Duff then went on to tell how she

had admitted Cummings to her home on the afternoon of April 18, when he was killed. He remarked about the weather, she said, and then went on up the stairs to his wife's room. "I went back to the kitchen where I was

preparing supper," said Mrs. Duff, faintly, "and did not know of any trouble for perhaps half an hour, when Mrs. Cummings came downstairs and told me that she had shot her husband. She said that he had attempted to kill her, and she shot him in self-defense. She declared that she had searched the body. I remember she said she found a pawn ticket for \$90 in his

Mrs. Duff grew more excited as she continued, and the Assistant Circuit Attorney announced that he would excuse her for the time being and recall her later. Mrs. Duff was assisted from the courtroom and went to her home. Mrs. Cummings wept when Mrs. Duff showed such emotion, but with another

great effort controlled herself. ATTEMPT TO DISPROVE DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT. One question asked by Assistant Circuit Attorney Maroney of James C. Travilla, of-

dicates that the State will attempt to show that Mrs. Cummings and her husband did not occupy the positions in the room where

point from the point of terminus?" "Two feet four inches," replied the wit-By this answer the State will attempt to show that Cummings was looking out the window at the time he was shot. This is FENDANT AND COUNSEL

organded by the State as a material point,
and if proven will be in direct contradiction "I feel sure now that I will be acquired."—Mrs. Minnie Cummings. • of Mrs. Cummings's former statements.

Measurements of the room have bee Measurements of the room have been "Mrs. Cummings will not be con- o taken by Special Officer Thomas J. Kiely, ♦ victed on this charge."-Colonel John ♦ who had already testified to them, and it ♦ | was these measurements to which Assistant

she has said they did. The question was:

Mrs. Cummings entered the courtroom about 19 o'clock. She wore a black dress, black hat and white gloves. She carried a palm leaf fan. She recognized one or two friends in the large crowd that had gathered to hear the case and took her seat next to her counsel, Martin and Thomas.

MRS, CUMMINGS IS A CHANGED WOMAN.

While the turors were being called in to the box she looked around the courtroom unconcernedly. She is much paler and not known as the Keyes ordinance made this nearly so full in the face as she was when arrested. Confinement in the city fall for nearly four months has added many gray hairs to her dark tresses. Her eyes no longer have the bright gleam. She seems a changed woman.

The jurors selected from the venire of thirty-five by counsel for State and defense are: Alvin J. Allen, Albert A. Auchtel, are: Alvin J. Allen, Albert A. Auchtel. Henry J. Albers, John Boyle, Joseph E. ing laid outside the district, as provided in Bray, Charles Colgrave, Frank F. Flick, the Keyes ordinance, are so laid at the op-James W. Headen, Peter H. Hemminghaus, Henry Herwick, Herman Jacobson, and cause it is compulsory.

Jules Rouveyrol. Assistant Circuit Attorney. The object of a new ordinance setting the Maroney made a strong opening statement | boundaries will be to compel all companies to the jury and was answered by Colonel to put their wires underground. The mat-

Doctor Daniel F. Hochdoerfer, the Coro-Doctor Daniel F. Hochdoerfer, the Coro-ner's post-mortem physician, was the first they will take some definite action and witness. Doctor Hochdoerfer's testimony frame an ordinance to be submitted to the was about the wounds that caused the Municipal Assembly.

death of Dennis Cummings. Special Officer Klely then testified as to the measurements of the room at No. 2814 Locust street, where Cummings was killed Barr, employed at Dunn's pawnshop, No. 912 Franklin avenue, testified that he sold a pistol to Mrs. Cummings or the morning of April 18, the day Cummings was killed.

W. T. Cambron, the next witness, testified that Mrs. Cummings had talked with him about her husband stealing her jewelry from her.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ROOM OFFERED AS EVIDENCE.

George E. Baker, the Police Department photographer, identified two photographs of the room where Cummings was killed which he had taken and were introduced in evidence as exhibits D and E.

H. E. Culver, a newspaper reporter for an afternoon paper, told of finding fragments of a letter in the grate in the room. He had put the pieces together and found them to be a letter from Mrs. Cummings to her husband asking him to come to the house. Then it was that Night Morguekeeper Wulter Graham took the stand and the blood-stained garments were introduced in evidence.

Doctor John B. Rule of No. 2728 Washington avenue stated that a negro had summoned him to Mrs. Duff's home, stating that a man had been shot. He told of the position in which he found Cummings's body when he entered the room, and declared that Mrs. Cummings told him that she shot her husband in self-defense. He stated that Mrs. Cummings told him that her husband threatened her with the scissors and reached into his pocket for his

Manther and wife to Whitam Schneider w w d. RVING-65 ft. s in., s. s. of Paston Story Sub-botham and wife to John M. Glessmeyer w. d. Story Sub-botham and wife to John M. Story Sub-botham and wife to John M. Story Sub-botham and wife to John M. Story Sub-botham and wife to Whitam Schneider w d. Story Sub-botham and wife to Whitam Schneider w d. RVING-65 ft. s in., s. s. of Paston Story Sub-botham and wife to Whitam Schneider w d. RVING-65 ft. s in., s. s. of Paston Story Sub-botham and wife to John M. Story Sub-botham and wife to Whitam Schneider w d. RVING-65 ft. s in., s. s. of Paston Story Sub-botham and wife to Whitam Schneider w d. RVING-65 ft. s in., s. s. of Paston Story Sub-botham and wife to Whitam Schneider w d. RVING-65 ft. s in., s. s. of Paston Story Sub-botham and wife to Whitam Schneider w d. RVING-65 ft. s in., s. s. of Paston Story Sub-botham and wife to John M. Story Sub-botham and wife position in which he found Cummings's knife before she shot, and when her husband fell the open knife dropped to the

Nellie Morgan of No. 2001 Lawton avenue was one of the most important of the State's witnesses. She stated that she once heard Mrs. Cummings plead with her husband to return to her, and heard Cummings

"Oh, I know that you love me all right, but just want to get me back so you can get the drop on me, like you did on Har-

SAYS MRS. CUMMINGS WAS JEALOUS OF HUSBAND.

The witness stated that Mrs. Cummings was jealous of her husband, and once, when she found a hair on a lace curtain, she said it was evidence that some other woman had been in the room with Cummings. Mrs. L. B. Harris and Miss Blanche Harris, of No. 2810 Locust street, testified that Mrs. Cummings was cool and collected after shooting her husband, and that before going to the Four Courts to give herself up ate

mony of Mrs. Duff, Doctor Rule and other witnesses as to the position of the body, which is to be a strong point in the argument of the State. Assistant Chief of Detectives Keely told

Policeman Nally corroborated the testi-

of the statement made by Mrs. Cummings to him two days after she killed Cummings In that statement, which the State admits Mrs. Cummings said that her husband had demanded money from her, and when she refused, threatened to have it or her life. She said she had secreted the revolver at the foot of the bed and when he reached into his pocket she shot him Special Officer McQuillen of the Ninth

District testified that he had seen Mrs. Cummings chase her husband from the Drum Saloon, at Franklin and Channing avenues, on or about April 1. He stated

fice engineer of the Street Department, in- , that Mrs. Cummings explained that her husband had stolen her jewelry.

The State has about a dozen more witnesses to testify and probably will not rest he was killed at the time he was shot which its case before time for adjournment this evening. It is hardly probable that the case "Supposing the initial point to be 5 feet | can be finished before Monday, as the de-5 inches, the terminus 5 feet 9% inches, the | fense will introduce a dozen witnesses, and much time will be taken in the arguments grade of the incline 1 inch in 6 inches. what would be the distance of the initial | before the jury.

PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF UNDERGROUND DISTRICT.

Board of Public Improvements Will Consider Matter at an Early Meeting.

One of the important questions which the Board of Public Improvements will take up in the near future is the enlarging of the underground wire district, so as to eventually take in the entire city.

A. J. O'Reilly, the Supervisor of City Lighting, recommended this step in his last annual report and he paid particular attention to the large wholesale section between Spruce, Cerre, Fourth and Eighth streets, urging that this part of the city be included in the underground district as soon as possible.

The present boundaries of the district are Twenty-second street on the west, Spruce street on the south, Wash street on the north and the river on the east. What is division.

There are 5.142,489 duct feet of underground wires laid in the city at the present time and 949,935 duct feet of this amount are outside the underground district. The Bell Telephone Company has laid 674,950 feet of this and the Kinloch people 140,995. The balance, 133,990 feet, are high-tension wires

laid by the electric light companies. tion of the telephone companies and not be-

ter has been discussed in an informal way

Real Estate Transfers. CHOUTEAU-187 ft., n. e. cor. Tiffany, run. n. to ratiroad; also Chouteau, 187 ft. 1/2 in., n. s., n. w. cor. Tiffany, run

n. to Pacific Railroad, except St. L. & S. F. right of way; Dexier Tiffany et al.
to Merritt K. Salmon-w, d.
CHOUTEAU-187 IV., n. s. n. e. cor. Tiffany; also 187 ft, b. in., n. s., Chouteau, n. w. cor. Tiffany; run, n. to Pacific Rallroad, except St. L. & S. F.
right of way, Merritt K. Salmon to Laclede Gas Light Company-w. d.
CLEMENS-wy ft. n. s., bet. Goodfellow
and Hamilton, city block 55; Fannie L.
Greengard and musband to William
White-w. d.
CONGRESS-33 ft., n. s., bet. Lemp and
Salena, city block 175; William Grupp
and wife to Fritz Rickmann and wifew. d.
4.65 S. F. right of way; Dexier Tiffany et al and wife to Fritz Rickmann and wife

EIGHTEENTH-22 ft., 8 in, e. s., bet.
Meurce and Madison, city block 238;
Thomas E. Stocker and wife to Regal
Really and Investment Co.—qtc. d.
ELLIOT—40 ft. '7a in, w. s. south of
Madison, city block 233; Frederica W.
Boile and wife to Rosa B. Wolf—w. d.
EVANS—31 ft., s. s., bet. Vandeventer
and Sarah, city block 133; Thomas C.
Higgins to Margaret McConnell—trustee's d.
GLASGOW—70 ft., e. s., s. e. cor, Maggine, city tlock 188; Charles H. Eigin
to Sylvester J. Flaher—w. d.
HARPER—30 ft., s. s. bet. Thompson and
Grand, city block 182; Mary Estep and
husband, by trustee, to Robert O. McCormack—tf. d.
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HARPER—30 ft., s. s., bet. Thompson and
Grand, city block 1825; Robert O. McCormack and wife to Thos. B. Estep—
qtt. d.
HEBERT—25 ft., s. s., city block 1974; 2,400 w. d.
W. d.
MILLS-89 ft., n. s., n. e. cor. Leffing-well, city block 573: Adolph Daust and wife to Anthory Kohn-W. d.
McNAIR-25 ft., e. s., bet. Lonch and Pestalozzi, city block 141; Michael Sal-ter to William Edward Buehler and wife -w. d. ter to William Edward Buehler and wife

w d McNAIR-ES ft. s s bet Lynch and
Pertalozzi city block 107: Jacob Gischel
and wife to Michael Salter-w d
McPHERSON-S9 ft. n. s. n. w cor.
Euclid, city block 2878S; August Farwig
to Louis Cella-w d
NORTH MARKET = S ft. n. s. bet
Whittier and Goode city block 267;
Louise McKay to David Ross and wife

ODELL-ES ft. n. s. bet Bunnon and
Macklind, city block 4086; Charles W
Ohm and wife to Henry Grote and wife

- w d 1,000 7,500 o-w. d

OFALLON-75 ft. 6 in. n. s., n. e. cor.
Fourteenth, city block 574; George T.
Riddle and wife to the George T. Riddle
Real Estate Company-w. d.

OXFORD-69 ft. n. s. n. e. cor. Piccadilly (in St. Louis County). Charles W.
Smith and wife to Andrew J. HiddleW. d. Smith and wife to Andrew J. Hiddle-w d.
SECOND-25 ft. e. s. bet. Douglas and Copnella, city block 194; Margaret Mc-Carthy and husband to Bernard McCar-thy, Jr.-w d.
SPRING-46 ft. w. s. h. w. cor. Lin-coln, city block 238; Medora A. Hall to Charles H. Klostermann-w d. Hebert and St. Louis, city block 198; Nicholas Steber et al. to Frederick J. Deicke-qte. d.

qtc. d. TWENTIETH-25 ft., w. s. het. Hebert and St. Louis city block 1988; Louis Ga-nahl and wife to Frederick J. Deicke-

nahi and wife to Frederick J. Delekeqtt. d.
UNTER DEN LINDEN-60 ft. e. s. bet.
Leamington and Manhattan; city block
1985; Wm. Balerschmitt and wife to Alfred W. Syrett-w. d.
VERNON-27 ft. n. s. e. of Walton, city
block 3773; Walter C. Guels to General
Renting and Investment Co-w. d.
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WALNUT-15 ft. s. s. being No. 276
Walnut st., city block 172N; Elizabeth
M. and Thomas F. Farrelly to Reg na M.
Dougherty-quie. d.
WASHINGTON-30 ft., n. s., bet Ewing
and Garrison, city block 1912; Andrew J.
Smith and wife, by trustee to Barnes
Hospital's trustees-tr's d.
WISCONSIN-25 ft., w. s., bet. Utah and
Cherokee, city block 183; Josephine
Meinhardt to Anna B. Fieller-w. d.

MRS. S. A. BREWER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Centralia, III., July 2.—Mrs. S. A. Brewer field to-day after a long lilness. She was 69 years old.

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ORGANIZED EDITORS WILL SHARE IN PRESS CONGRESS.

Omnha Convention to Appoint Representatives-Paper by Mrs. Raby of St. Louis.

Omaha, July 9.-B. B. Herbert, founder of the National Editorial Association, today gave to the convention of that association an account of a journalistic association in England which has met with great suc-

its membership is made up of employers, employes and students of journalism, banded together under the name of the Institued together under the name of the institu-tive Journalists of England.
One of its objects is the protection of its members against libel suits and other dif-ficulties common to journalism. Out of the association has grown the "World's Press Congress." which will be held in St. Louis next year.

Congress, which will be near it so folds next year.

Mr. Herbert recommended that a committee be appointed to represent the Editorial association at that congress and the suggestion was adopted.

"Relation of the Newspaper to the State" was the subject of an address by F. C. Raney of Fort Scott, Kas. He said that the best service is rendered to the State by the party paper which is independent when necessary.

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Edward Rosewater, who was to have given a talk on "The Ethics of Journalism" yesterday, spoke to-day. He criticised doctors and lawyers for seeking advertising in newspress and the editor, he said, erred and sinnel rather by the things he suppressed than by what he published.

Other papers were read, one of which was by Mrs. Georgiana Raby of St. Louis, who spoke on "Fraternity and the World's Fair," reviewing the elaborate arrangements for the meeting of fraternal orders at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1994.

JEROME EDWIN WOOMER.

REPUBLIC SPINTAL

Xania, ill, July 9.—Jerome Edwin Woomer,
sin of Daniel Woomer of St. Louis, died here
yesterday, Interment at St. Louis. W. J. ANDERSON.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Helens, Mont. July 9.—W. J. Anderson, president of the Livingston waterworks, is dead at Johannesburg. South Africa. He was an officer in the Eritish army during the Boer war.

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